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June 8 Program: Presentation of Tom Larkin's Postponed February 2008 "Designer Cattleyas"

See OSGKC's February 2008 newsletter for a full description of Larkin and his presentation.

Doug Martin reports that Larkin will bring Cattleya alliance plants for sale, including seedlings (up to blooming size) from Alan Koch's (Gold Country Orchids) and Fred Clarke's (Sunset Valley Orchids) hybridizing as well as some of the more famous clones.



Slc. Livingstone Sunset 'Fire Flame'

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Orchid Trivia

Despite the enormous variety found among the approximately 25,000 species and more than 105,000 manmade hybrids, all of the members of the orchid family are related to each other by their flowers. The five main characteristics common to orchid flowers are: 1) zygomorphy; 2) the column; 3) the rostellum; 4) two or more pollinia, and 5) the labellum (lip). *This information is from "Ultimate Orchid" by Thomas J. Sheehan; 2001; DK Publishing, Inc., p. 10.*

The earliest record we have of the introduction of a tropical orchid

into cultivation is that by Peter Collinson in 1731 who sent a plant of *Bletia verecunda* to Mr. Wager in England, but no record exists of its survival to flowering. The first orchids which we know to have survived, albeit for only a short time, in cultivation are a Vanilla species possibly *Vanilla planifolia* and several *Epidendrum* species recorded by Phillip Miller in the second edition of his *Dictionary of Gardening* (1768). This is from **The Manual of Cultivated Orchid Species, Third Edition**; Helmut Bechtel, Phillip Cribb, Edmund Launert; 1992; p. 24)

OSGKC Wins Top Honors at SWROGA 2008

By Beth Marin

OSGKC's exhibit in the SWROGA 2008 show claimed the AOS Show Trophy as well as the Orchid Digest Show Trophy in Rogers, Arkansas. The exhibit also won the trophy for best orchid society floor exhibit less than 50 square feet. Rolfeara Hawaii Stars 'Paradise' owned by Cindy Hobbs won the trophy for best flower in classes 110-116 Cattleya alliance (this group includes Brassavola, Broughtonia, Laelia and Sophronitis species and hybrids). OSGKC members' orchids received a total of 29 ribbons, and several were chosen by the judges to consider for AOS awards. These ribbons and trophies are an impressive accomplishment in a show of this size. There were 50 exhibits and about 850 entries, making this the largest show that OSGKC has competed in for many years. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the winners on their ribbons listed below!

Congratulations also the OSGKC members who created such a beautiful exhibit – Cindy Hobbs, Joy and Mark Prout, Monica McNamara, Julie Morrison, Doug and Beth Martin. We especially want to thank all OSGKC members who generously provided 81 blooming orchids, plus foliage plants and staging materials for this exhibit: David Bird, Melody Eads, Rick Groom, Wendy and Eric Hoch, Cindy Hobbs, Tony King and Jason Thoren, Glen Lessenden, Doug and Beth Martin, Monica McNamara, Alex McConnell, Julie Morrison, Joy and Mark Prout, Tom and Jan Reagor, Dan Schlozman, Frank Serra and Terrence Thompson. We couldn't have done it without you!

In addition to the society exhibit, OSGKC members Melody Eads and Beth and Doug Martin entered exhibits in the SWROGA show. They received several ribbons and trophies. Beth and Doug's educational exhibit titled "Growing Hardy Orchids in Your Garden" also won an AOS Educational Exhibit Award of 89 points. [See next page for list of winners.]

Beginners' Group

The June meeting of the beginners group will discuss growing Phalaenopsis. I believe this is the most versital and easy to grow of all orchids. Because it is so common if you want to rise above the ordinary it becomes necessary to develop exceptional culture and to collect exceptional clones. Want a new challenge?

Fred Bergman

Meeting Minutes ~ May 18, 2008

By Holly Hall

OSGKC has been granted 501C3 status by the IRS. A letter will be drafted to give to people when they donate to the society.

Yearbooks are completed and were distributed to members present at the meeting.

More volunteers are needed for hospitality at each meeting.

Thanks to those on the growers tour last month.

June meeting will be Tom Larkin.

July will be the picnic at Cindy Hobbs.

August will be the auction.

OSGKC won the best exhibit from both AOS and Orchid Digest at the SWROGA show.

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<i>Owner</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Award</i>
OSGKC	930	EXHIBIT	Blue + Trophies
David Bird	342	Dtps. Yu Pin Lady	Blue
	328	Phal. Join Grace	Red
	612	Den. loddegessii	Red
	612	Den. Himezakura 'Sanokku'	Red
	704	Ctsm. Green Goddess	Blue
	116/716	Sophronitis reginae	Red
	318	Sarco. hartmannii	Blue
	403/716	Odedm. Colon	White
Cindy Hobbs	110	Rolfeara Hawaii Stars 'Paradise'	Blue + Trophy
	338	Dtps. Sin-Yaun Golden Beauty	White
Glen Lessenden	710	Masdevallia pinocchio	White
Doug & Beth Martin	206	Paph. Golddollar	White
Monica McNamara	137	Sc. Tropical Pointer	Blue
	715/716	Ornithocephalus inflexus	Red (Class 715), White (Class 716)
	208	Paph. Bronze Carillon	White
Alex McConnell	205	Paph. Hsinying Flame	Blue
	207	Paph. Laserlight	Blue
	131	Thw. Bouton Star	White
	329	Dtps. Martha Dolge 'Apricot'	White
Joy & Mark Prout	202c	Phrag. Jerry Dizon 'Mark's Joy' HCC/AOS	White
	204	Paph. Julius	White
	208	Paph. Wossner Goldegg	Red
	343	Phal. Three Alarm	White
	706	Lyc. Lemon Twist	White
	102	Epidendrum parkinsonianum	White
Tom & Jan Reagor	404	Miltonia Vanity Red Shadow HCC/AOS	Red
Dan Schlozman	416	Tolumnia Popoki 'Mitzi' AM/AOS	Red
Frank Serra	132	Rsc. Rugeley's Mill 'Mendenhall' HCC/AOS	Blue



Rolfeara Hawaii Stars 'Paradise'